

REMARKS

In the present communication, no claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. The Examiner withdrew Claims 15-16, 18-20, 22, and 28 from consideration. As such, Claims 14, 17, 21, and 23-27 are currently pending and under Examination.

The Examiner issued a single rejection, rejecting Claims 14, 17, 21, and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Koduri et al. in view of Urbani et al., Ogle et al., and Song et al. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection.

As part of this rejection, the Examiner cites Koduri et al. as inherently teaching increasing T cell diversity by administering polyclonal immunoglobulins. The evidence the Examiner cites for this inherent teaching is the *present application*. The Examiner then attempts to use this inherency as a motivation to combine with Ogle et al. for measuring T cell diversity. Applicants respectfully submit that this combination fails for at least two reasons.

First, Applicants have filed herewith a Declaration by Jeffrey Platt removing the Ogle et al. reference as prior art. As such, this rejection should be withdrawn as no other cited reference teaches measuring T cell diversity.

Second, since the Examiner used the present application as the evidence of inherency, those of skill in the art would not recognize that Koduri et al. (allegedly) teaches methods of increasing T cell diversity as they would not have the benefit of the present application. As such, even if we assume *arguendo* that Koduri et al. provides an inherent teaching, there is no motivation to measure T cell diversity in Koduri et al. as there is no knowledge in the art that T cell diversity might be increased in Koduri et al. Therefore, even if the Examiner sought to find a reference to replace Ogle et al., there still would not be the requisite motivation to combine such references.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 608-662-1277.

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